

Table 1. Comparison of EPA and State of North Dakota PSD Modeling Methodology

| | Overall Approach | Step 1 | Step 2 |
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| EPA's PSD Modeling Procedure (January 2002): Temporally and Spatially Consistent | PSD increment calculations are based on changes in SO ₂ concentrations from a specific time (temporally) and location (spatially) in the base year. | Model net changes in emissions (between baseline and current year) sequentially for each 24-hour time period with at least 5-years of met data. | When the resulting maximum daily impacts from Step 1 are compared to the 5 µg/m ³ PSD increment there are eight exceedances of the 24-hour increment (see EPA Figure 4). |

| | Overall Approach | Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 | Step 4 | Step 5 | Step 6 |
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| State of North Dakota's PSD Modeling Procedure (April 2002): Not Temporally Consistent | PSD increment calculations are spatially, but <u>not</u> temporally consistent. | Model baseline emissions concentration (1976-1977). | Determine the second-highest concentration at each receptor. | Add 5 µg/m ³ to the second-highest concentration at each receptor. Establish a "maximum allowable ambient level." [MAAL] | Model current year emissions with the same met data. | Compare the second-high prediction for the current year to the previously determined MAAL in Step 3. | Compliance with the increment is assumed if the second-high prediction in the current year is lower than the MAAL. There are no exceedances. |